

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 and 2 and add Claim 11 as follows:

Sub B1> 1. (amended) A method for providing vent apertures to a web component of a plastic bag, comprising the steps of:

A1 providing a cutter which cuts [cutting wheel which rotates about an axis, a periphery of said cutting wheel including teeth] a line of vent apertures along a first direction, said vent apertures being oriented in a second direction which [are] is not [perpendicular] parallel to [said axis] first direction;

providing an anvil means against which said cutter [cutting wheel] bears, thereby creating a nip;

drawing the web component through said nip formed between said cutter [cutting wheel] and said anvil means thereby forming said line of vent apertures in the web component [cut by said teeth].

✓ Claim 2, line 1, delete "1" and substitute --11-- therefor.

A2 11. (new) The method of Claim 1 wherein said cutter is a cutting wheel which rotates about an axis, a periphery of said cutting wheel including teeth which are not perpendicular to